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Gamecocks

pull away

from Aggies



Jeffrey Davis / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

South Carolina earned a seventh SEC win defeating Texas A&M for the first time in conference history.

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Over the past few years, head coach Dawn Staley’s South Carolina program has been dominant. Since the 2012-13 season, the Gamecocks are 73-13 and have beaten 11 of their 13 SEC opponents at least once during that span, but entered Monday night’s game with zero victories against Texas A&M.

For that reason, No. 1 South Carolina (19-0, 7-0) felt like it needed to prove itself with the visiting Aggies in town, and the Gamecocks did just that, defeating No. 12 Texas A&M (16-5, 4-3) 79-61.

It wasn’t easy, though. South Carolina saw an eight-point halftime lead trickle down to just two points, but the Gamecocks pulled away from the Aggies, leaning on the play of freshman power forward A’ja Wilson and ever-reliable junior shooting guard Tiffany Mitchell.

Staley is just happy to finally get a win against the Aggies.

“It feels great,” Staley said. “Anytime you can win against a team that you really haven’t had success against, it’s always a great thing.”

The win extended South Carolina’s winning streak at Colonial Life Arena to 27 games, tying Connecticut for the longest active streak across the country.

South Carolina used a pair of one-sided runs to separate itself from the Aggies. The first one came in the first half when the Gamecocks trailed 24-20 12 minutes into the game. South Carolina then went on a 19-7 run to lead by eight at halftime.

After allowing the Aggies to make seven of their first 14 shots from the field, South Carolina’s defense tightened up and held Texas A&M to just 35.4 percent shooting for the rest of the night.

Junior point guard Khadijah Sessions and freshman point guard Bianca Cuevas made life tough for Texas A&M with active hands on the defensive front. The duo combined for five steals, and the Gamecocks pressured Texas A&M into committing 16 turnovers.

On the other end of the court, South Carolina’s offense stayed hot. The Gamecocks made 49.1 percent of its shots with freshman power forward A’ja Wilson scoring a game-high 18 points. Junior shooting guard Tiffany Mitchell scored in double-digits for the 15th time in 19 games this

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Housing boom adds ten

new building complexes

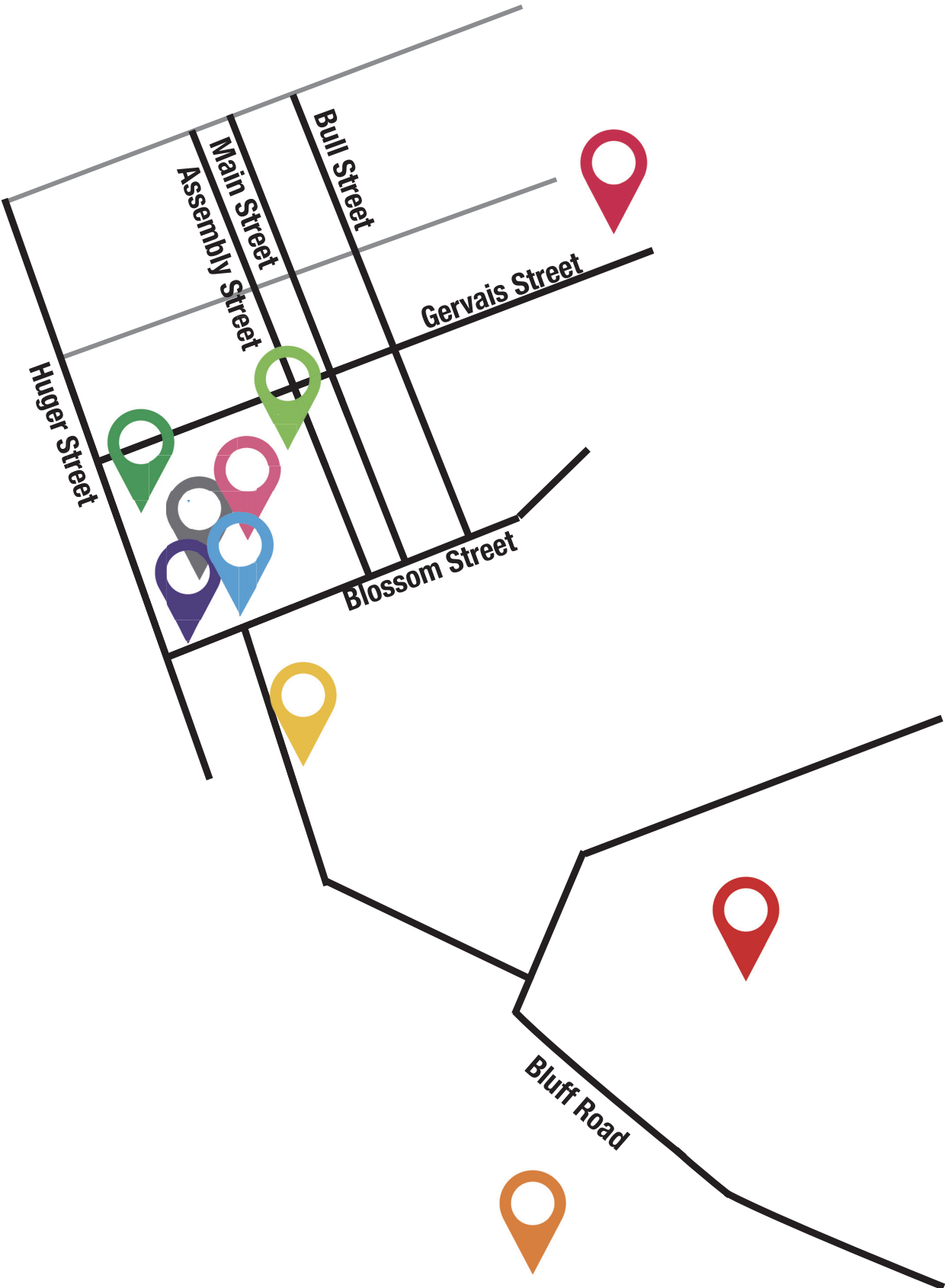


Illustration by Bianca Correa

The increase in university-oriented housing will give students more viable housing options closer to campus.

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Housing will be at an all time high over the next few years for Columbia. With 10 new housing developments popping up on the radar and most clustered around USC’s campus, the city is seeing a boom in housing directed toward its university students.

500 Huger St.
Park7 Group, a company based in New York, is building 482,000 square feet of space that students will be able to move into by spring 2016. Residents will be able to choose from units with one, two, three, four or five units.

The hosing complex located on 500 Huger St. will consist of 237 units, or a total of 640 bedrooms. The complex will have at least 480 parking spaces.

The Flats
Edwards Communities of Columbus, Ohio is adding to the student housing expansion at a price tag of \$2.6 million. Their property, located at 620 Blossom St., will adjoin the lot that Park7 Group bought for a housing development of their own.

The Flats will provide an additional 818 beds, in the form of 341 individual units, to students by 2015.

710 Pulaski St.
Edwards Communities bought

a second property in Columbia for \$1.6 million. The Pulaski Street property will be located across from the Palmetto Compress.

The 4.75-acre property will feature 177 units with one to four bedrooms, for a total of 524 beds. The property will also have an on-site credit union.

In terms of parking, residents will have access to 14 on-street spaces, 136 off-street spaces and a parking garage of 297 spaces. There will also be 131-bicycle spaces onsite.

650 Lincoln St.
This 279-unit project is unique from the other off-campus student housing options in the works because it is connected with USC through a university partnership.

The property will open to students in July 2015 and will offer options with two and four bedrooms as well as two parking garages. It will also have 30,000 square feet of retail space on the first floor of the residence.

Other amenities include a pool with cabanas, an outdoor dining terrace and courtyard, a fire pit, grills, hammocks, a recreational activity lawn, an outdoor movie screen and projector and an Internet café with a coffee bar.

University SC Towers
One of Park7 Group’s newest projects will be located just blocks from the Horseshoe, on Assembly Street.

The 848 beds will be found in two glass towers 12-stories high. Amenities of the apartment will include a theater, fitness center and rooftop pool.

The development will have a total of 435,000 square feet in floor space, and will cost \$60 million. Construction could begin this spring, with the completed project possibly opening in 2017.

The University SC Tower has been approved for a 50 percent property tax cut for 10 years, which was coordinated by Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin.

Gervais-Harden apartments — Peak Campus Development
Student housing opportunities have been flooding to the areas around the Vista and Williams-Brice Stadium, but Atlanta-based Peak Campus Development could be starting a Five Points trend. In addition to its proximity to USC, this property will also be in walking distance from Allen University and Benedict College.

Their project to develop on the corner of Gervais and Harden Streets has been approved by the city. When finished, it will feature three buildings for a total of 660 bedrooms and five-story parking garage.

This 4.3-acre, \$50 million endeavor is not Peak Campus Development’s first project. They have already developed five dozen properties in 24 states, including

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IN BRIEF

Bodies found could be those of missing Craigslist couple

According to WISTV, Georgia investigators have found two bodies they believe might be an elderly couple that was deemed missing after checking out a Craigslist ad. Elrey and June Runion were traveling across Georgia after seeing an advertisement for a car on Craigslist. Their family called authorities on Thursday after not hearing from them. The bodies were found next to the car that the couple had been traveling in. The car was in a body of water, however, the bodies themselves were not. Ronnie Adrian Towns surrendered to the authorities on Monday after being named a suspect in the case.

— Lauren Shirley, Assistant News Editor

Baby koala out of the pouch and into the limelight at Riverbanks Zoo

Lottie, one of the koala bears at the Riverbanks Zoo, birthed a new joey in December that is beginning to become more active and leave the confines of his mothers pouch, according to The State. The unnamed male baby koala is the ninth joey Lottie has given birth to during her 11 years in captivity at the Riverbanks Zoo. Lottie has proven herself to be an extremely rare koala, considering only seven joeys are born per year in the 11 U.S. zoos that have koala exhibits, and only two of these joeys were born in 2014. Jimmie, a male koala at the Riverbanks Zoo, has fathered seven of Lottie's nine offspring.

— Lauren Shirley, Assistant News Editor

South Carolina Supreme Court rules against rehearing education case

The South Carolina Supreme Court denied Gov. Nikki Haley's request to rehear a landmark case regarding a school-funding lawsuit, The State reported. Last November, the same court ruled 3-2 that the state had failed to provide children in rural districts with adequate public education. The Supreme Court ordered the school districts to work with lawmakers to come up with a plan that would address the problems case issues. "We are unable to discover that any material fact or principle of law has been either overlooked or disregarded, and hence, there is no basis for granting a rehearing," Chief Justice Jean Toal wrote.

— Lauren Shirley, Assistant News Editor

CORRECTIONS

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a location at Coastal Carolina University.

National Guard Road Practice Field LLC, based in Athens, Georgia, is adding 26 acres of construction to the boom in student housing. The new complex of 792 beds will be located less than a half mile from the already existing University Oaks. Students will be able to live in 198 units spread out over 17 different buildings. Williams and Associates, which is also an Athens-based company, will be designing the complex. In the past, they have worked on student housing in Alabama and Texas. The style of the Practice Field LLC complex will mirror that of pre-existing housing options, such as the Woodlands and Stadium Suites.

612 Whaley St. PMC Property Group already owns Olympia Mill and Granby Mill apartments, but they are looking to expand with 612 Whaley. "For the past couple of years we've always led the area in our leasing efforts," Josh Harding, a manager with PMC Property Group, said. "We saw kind of an opportunity for a different type of building, a different type of floor plan, a different mix of housing."

This new property, which will be finished by April 1 of this year, will feature 184 apartments. These one and two-bedroom units will have stainless steel appliances, oversized windows, premium flooring, high ceilings and granite countertops inside classic architecture. "It's kind of a nice blend of historic architecture. It's made to look kind of like an old mill," Harding said. "From the outside you'll think it's just another old mill, but really on the inside it's going to have this nice modern approach to a new building." Harding said that this property will be unique, not only because of the one and two-bedroom options, but also because of the 6,500 square feet of retail space that will be available on the first floor. "There really wasn't a lot of one and two beds in the area. It was kind of a natural progression to our other



Courtesy of Edwards Communities

The housing developments will offer both residential spaces for students as well as a variety of expanded commercial areas.

buildings here," Harding said. "It's a nice addition to our area, the area we've built here, but it's also a nice addition to the university as well." Harding said the property group is looking to create a community environment that "bridges the gap" between undergraduate students and older students or recent graduates. "It's unique in the fact that it being one and two bedrooms, we're hoping to get more of a mix of graduates, older undergraduates and young professionals," Harding said.

Former Shuman-Owens property A Charlotte development group that wishes to remain unidentified plans to build a student apartment complex at the northern end of Shop Road, near Williams-Brice Stadium, with plans to open in the fall of 2016. The complex will stretch over six acres and will replace a car-repair garage and Shuman-Owens Supply

Co. According to George McCutchen, representative of the sellers and a principal owner of Newmark Grubb Wilson Kibler, said that asking price for the garage property was \$550,000 and that the asking price for the former Shuman-Owens property was \$3 million. Both properties sold for amounts close to the asking price. The project is expected to cost \$40 to \$50 million dollars. It will include a parking garage and possibly a pool, but McCutchen is unclear how many beds it will house. "The university continues to grow, facilities continue to grow, and this will be a nice amenity for those students," McCutchen said. "I think that the university continues to grow and I think that the students apparently have the ability to afford nicer housing projects and I think it helps recruit kids to the university when they have nice housing options

like this." Pulaski Square Woda Construction, an Ohio-based company, is setting foot in Columbia with its Pulaski Square apartments located in the Vista. "We think it's going to be a good location, not just for young professionals, but also college students," James Glasgow, president of Rent Charleston said. "I think the most convenient thing is the location. You're just blocks away from the university." The two-acre housing complex will provide beds for a total of 120 students, with 40 units of three bedrooms and three bathrooms. Fourteen of the units will have garage parking, while the rest will have center parking. Amenities will include a pool, fitness center, media room and coffee lounge.

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‘Mockumentary’ sparks social commentary



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Monday, January 26, The Nickelodeon Theatre screened “Confederate States of America” for the 150th anniversary of Sherman’s March.

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“Confederate States of America,” a mockumentary by Kevin Willmott, highlights current and past racial tensions through satire and comedy. The film recounts fictional events of what the U.S. would be like if the Confederacy had won the Civil War in documentary format. It recounts history while creating history itself. While the film contains hilariously twisted comedy, it also provides clear allusions to how people are still socially segregated today.

Program coordinator Pedro LopezDeVictoria

wanted to break down cultural barriers between residents of Columbia by bringing this film to the Nickelodeon Theatre and hosting a talk back where people could openly discuss current issues about race produced by the film.

This event paired with the 150th anniversary of Sherman’s March and commemorates the burning of Columbia, where the political target of Columbia was burned to the ground by the Union. LopezDeVictoria described the film as a cautionary tale not entirely removed from reality where we can keep the conversation alive about the lasting effects from the war.

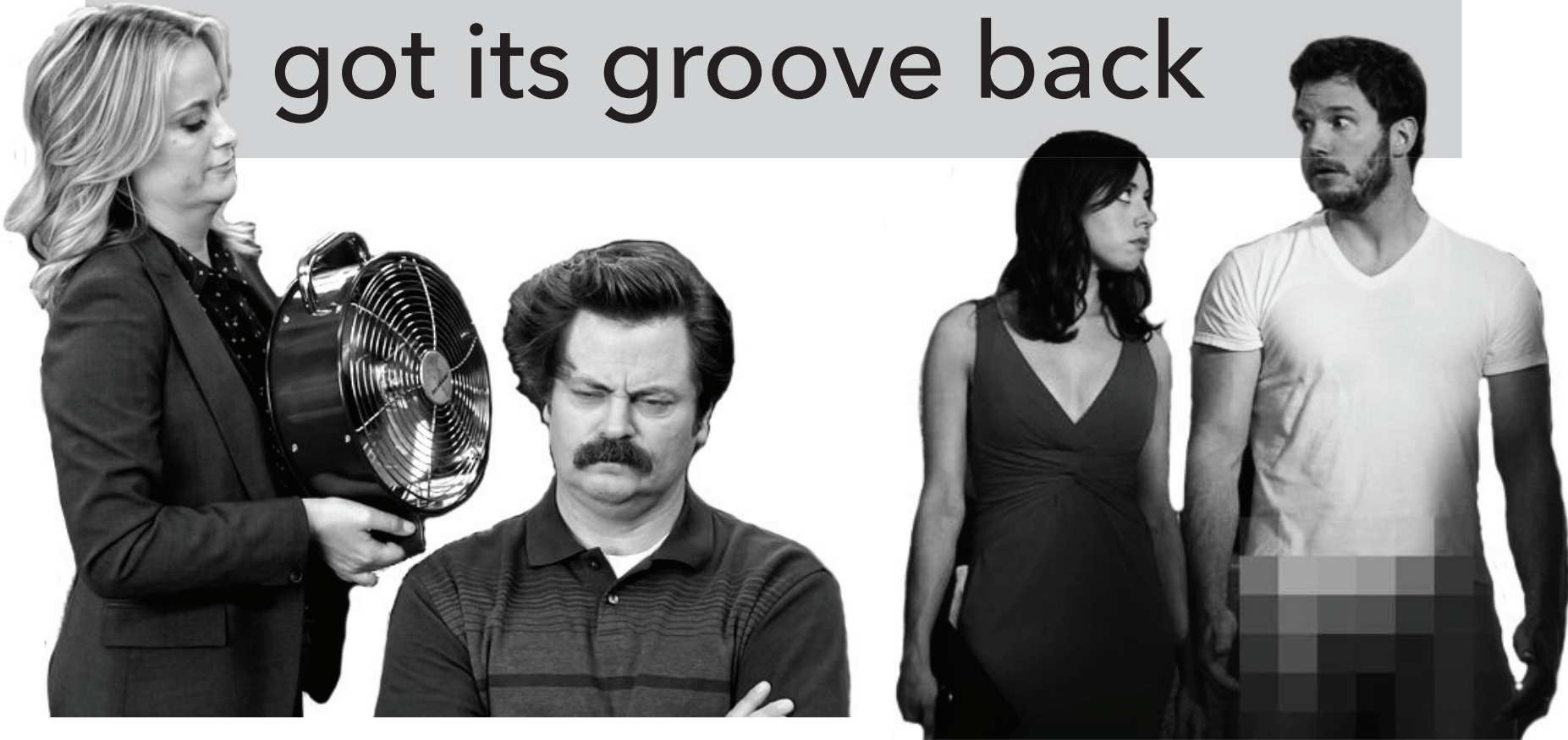
“A big part of the Nickelodeon is to be more

than just a theatre. We want to be an apparatus of the community and we want to improve upon the cultural dialogue that should always be happening in a thriving city,” LopezDeVictoria said.

The film also highlighted a misrepresentation of African-Americans in media, which misrepresents America as a whole. A parody of “Cops” was turned into a show called “Runaway” where slaves escape their master’s homes instead of criminals breaking the law. This comparison was featured to show how many African-Americans and people of other races are arrested and tried more often

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How ‘Parks and Rec’ got its groove back



Courtesy of NBC

On January 13, NBC’s “Parks and Recreation” aired its final season premiere, giving the characters and the series itself resolution.

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With seasons five and six, the very things that made “Parks and Recreation” special — its good-heartedness and its characters’ ambition – threatened to sink it down into mediocrity. It took season seven’s time skip to save it.

When “Parks” was at its peak, it balanced incredible comedy with a deep sweetness. Amy Poehler’s Leslie Knope defined and still defines the tone of the show — sunny, caring, feisty, ambitious and heartfelt.

“Parks” loves its characters and only wants the best for them, which worked well when the show was young. But with

the fifth and sixth season, it got soft. Without real stakes and conflicts for the characters, the show settled into a holding pattern of cycling its characters from job to job. One week, April (Aubrey Plaza) becomes Deputy Director of the Animal Control; another week, Tom (Aziz Ansari) opens a small business. There wasn’t much left to learn about the characters, so they were put in a warmed-over purgatory (though, admittedly, a funny one).

Season seven isn’t a radically different show, but by reintroducing conflict and giving its characters real resolution, it’s saving the show from itself. The three-year time skip allowed the writers to set up new dynamics to well-worn relationships, most importantly pitting Leslie and Ron (Nick Offerman) against each other.

Tom is no longer forever making up new business ventures — now he’s a bona fide mogul, and can finally confront what success means to him. Andy (Chris Pratt) isn’t being swung from odd job to odd job — he has an appropriately madcap career as children’s show host Johnny Karate, and can now have plots unrelated to whatever career he’s pursuing. April is still searching for a job (not all season seven plots can be winners).

The problem with constantly having your characters moving forward is that if the status quo doesn’t actually change, then the show is at odds with the characters. The time skip has given “Parks” an organic way to actually give its

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Valinda Littlefield, Director of African-American Studies at USC, led the post-film discussion.

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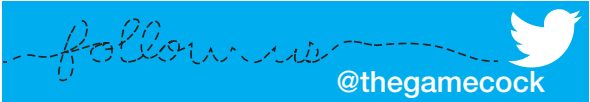
then Caucasian criminals. LopezDeVictoria also went on to say how recently there has been a trend in Hollywood where African-American characters are portrayed as magical or having certain wisdom that is different from the Caucasian characters. They aren't portrayed negatively, but there is still a dividing factor that creates two separate entities of people and a whole concept of insiders versus outsiders. However absurd the comedy

might be, it certainly isn't far off from today's current issues. Valinda Littlefield, Director of African-American Studies at USC, led the talkback after the show and touched on how issues created in the film can be found in our own culture, such as a home shopping network satirized as a way for people to order slaves on TV from home. This concept may seem incomprehensible, but today, people still sell their bodies online in the form of pornography. This screening of

"Confederate States of America" was meant to shine light upon current issues in southern culture and get people out of their comfort zones by having them discuss uncomfortable or controversial topics. Littlefield stressed that you can't grow as an individual if you surround yourself with clones of yourself that have the same ideas and values as you. "Being uncomfortable with each other is the nature of making any progress," LopezDeVictoria said.

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characters closure, moving its cast to the final stages of their personal journey. While closure does make for a good final season, it's the reintroduction of conflict that really makes this season sing. Leslie's struggle against Eagletonians and Councilman Jamm filled episode plots, but they lacked personal stakes for the characters. By turning Leslie and Ron from close friends to enemies, "Parks" has given the show a last breath of life. It's no surprise that last week's "Leslie and Ron" was one of the best episodes of the show's run — it was built on a strong dramatic foundation, and the jokes found their way in. "Parks and Recreation" airs Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. on NBC, two episodes at a time. While the show has stayed funny and warm through its five-year run, season seven is proving itself to be a return to form, and is definitely worth watching.



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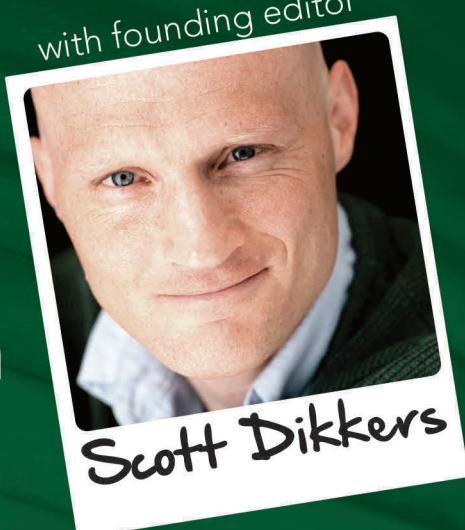
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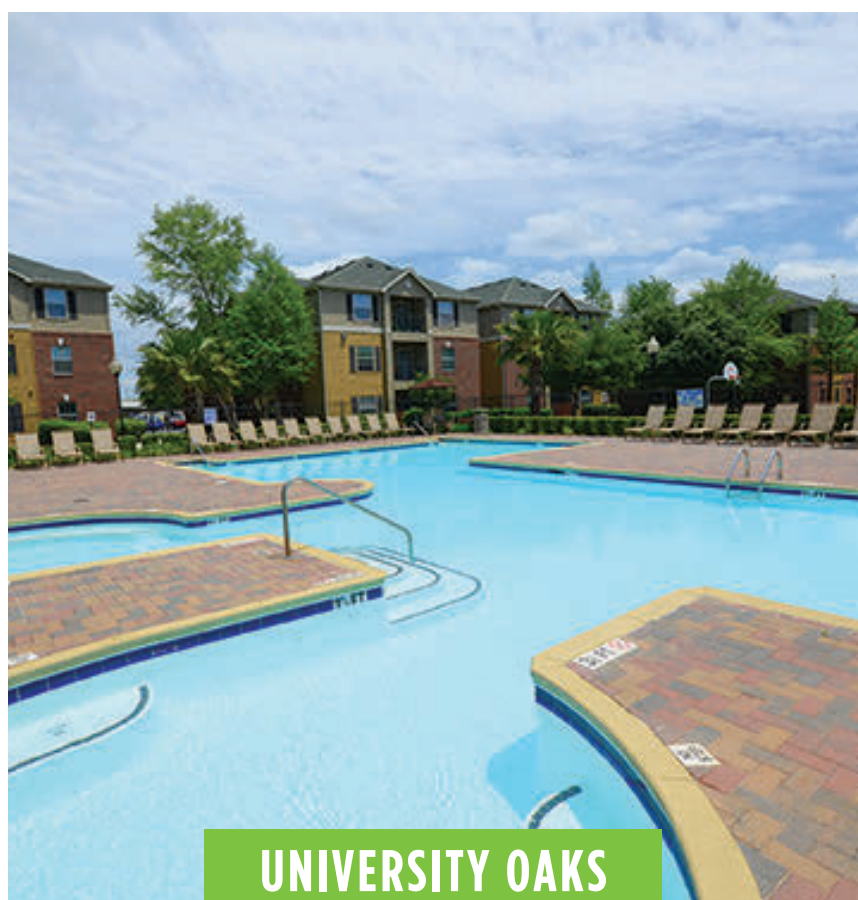
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Absolute certainty essential element for acts of horror



Ben Crawford

Second-year English and Russian student

This column is in response to a letter written by Markus Johnson and published on Jan. 26 entitled “Letter to the Editor: Religion creates meaning, not necessarily violence.”

Mr. Johnson,

I'd like to start off by disagreeing with your point that “most” religions do not make truth claims.

Let's start with the most powerful truth claim ever invented: There is an all-powerful, intervening god that both observes and judges us for our actions.

If you don't believe that, you are in no sense a theist.

No, not all religions are necessarily violent in practice. But because they claim an absolute truth, (the most common justification for acts of horror) the instinct towards righteous violence inherent in religion can never be extinguished, even in the most seemingly-docile faiths.

Any “religions” which don't claim to have this kind of truth, like ultra-reform Jewish sects and certain New Age sects, would be more accurately defined as “nebulous humanism” than religion as we know it.

These variants are mostly harmless and share few characteristics with actual religion. Except, of course, for the fact that both are piecemeal fabrications of a primate species.

If religions are “tools” to create meaning, as you call them in your response, then they are both man-made and easily manufactured. They are our earliest attempt to try to explain the world around us.

But we now have much better tools, both in understanding the physical world and understanding ourselves. It is from the province of philosophy that we have the greatest fruits of modern society from morality, to meaning, to government.

Figures like Thomas Paine might have believed in a God, as you say. They were notably Deists; they believed that he created the world, but didn't intervene in world affairs.

For them, religion, as a legal and moral reference, was largely, if not entirely, unnecessary.

Concerning Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), you're right: it isn't codified in any Islamic text.

But that doesn't mean that religion existence doesn't contribute to it. In the words of the World

Health Organization: “Though no religious scripts prescribe the practice, practitioners often believe the practice has religious support.”

Just because it isn't part of a religious text doesn't mean it isn't an integral part of the religion, or certain sects of it (Christmas, anyone?). Religions are not immune from reenforcing horrific acts, especially if it sees the opportunity to sneak into a community by adopting local practices.

I don't disagree with your analysis of the French Revolution. We are mammals with certain predilections towards aggression. Lack of religion and good fundamental ideas alone will not necessarily create a stable government.

The values of the Enlightenment were invoked, but not present, during the beheadings. You will note the difference, I hope.

In your article, you say that the Charlie Hebdo murders are just an example of a group taking violent action, and that their faith is more or less irrelevant.

This baffles me. Radical Islam is the one of the few religious groups in existence that feel comfortable murdering civilians in broad daylight, and are willing to give their lives for that cause.

Your suggestion that “if a group feels wounded, they will retaliate,” implicitly drags every single group on earth down to the level of fanatical murderers. Do Republicans retaliate with murder when they are satirized? Do vegetarians?

Society rests on the assumption that violent retaliation for speaking one's mind is unacceptable. Shrugging one's shoulders and saying, in effect, “it happens,” is not a responsible answer.

Also, by saying that the Hebdo attacks “could have occurred for a completely nonreligious reason” is to deliberately ignore the motivating force behind the attacks.

Is it possible to think that the people who yelled “we have avenged the Prophet Muhammad” after emerging from those offices did so for non-religious reasons?

Lastly, I want to address what both you and Mr. Burgess call my “personal vendetta.”

Anything I write is going to be personal — as I can only speak for myself — and, yes, sometimes I actively dislike things other people hold dear. If that's the two-part recipe for a “vendetta,” then I certainly have one.

Also, I am not in the business of softening my views to avoid offending people, something you seem to think is out of bounds.

The only thing one can do is state one's position clearly and hope that the reader takes the time to look over and, most importantly, think about it.

The only point of opinion writing is to challenge the assumption that no idea is too precious to be challenged.

I can only hope that I've achieved that goal.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Last year the app Yik Yak stormed onto college campuses around the country as an anonymous type of “Twitter.”

A place where students had 200 characters to say literally anything they wanted to. And boy did they. Some used the app to ask advice on many different topics and others used it to give advice or to state their opinion.

Today this app is under fire due to hateful and bigoted things that have been said on it. While we all abhor bigoted and hateful speech, we should recognize that free speech is the right of every American, even speech we find morally wrong.

There have been talks of making the app unusable on our campus. Some think this is a great idea.

But before we go and make any hasty decision let's look at the facts.

The first amendment guarantees every American the right to freedom of speech. This is not arguable. There are some exceptions like yelling fire in a crowded room.

However, for the most part, there is no exception.

Now the biggest argument here is the anonymity that comes with Yik Yak. People say that freedom of speech does not include the right to anonymity. The Supreme Court of the United States disagrees.

And as they are the highest authority on constitutional law in the country, their decision is final. In *Talley v. California*, SCOTUS said that anonymity was one of the hallmarks of our first amendment rights. Disabling an app around our campus to prevent hateful things to be said is nothing short of insanity.

I will be honest in saying that I do not know what happened on that upstate school's campus, and I do not care. If they want to shut down an app so be it but we should not take the cowards way out.

Why not use this time to address the issue of hate? To shut down an app because someone has been offended is ludicrous. I cannot tell you how many times I have seen a Facebook page or a Twitter feed that made me upset or offended me.

That doesn't mean that I am going to try to shut Facebook or Twitter down. If the only difference between these two issues is the anonymity of one and the fact that those who post offensive things on Facebook or Twitter do it knowing that anyone can see that it was they who said it does not make their hateful speech more protected than any other speech.

In 1995, the Supreme Court decided in *McIntyre v. Ohio Elections Commission* that “Protections for anonymous speech are vital to democratic discourse. Allowing dissenters to shield their identities frees them to express critical minority views.”

Yik Yak may not have been what the Justices had in mind when they decided this case but the facts remain that the restriction of speech based on anonymity is illegal and has no place on this campus.

Also, the restriction on this app because of what is said on it also would violate the First Amendment for the very same reason. Protection of hateful or unpopular beliefs or opinions is still necessary. The argument here is should Yik Yak be banned due to offensive things that are said on it. The answer is unequivocally no.

To ban something because of offensive or unpopular ideas goes against 200 years worth of Supreme Court precedent. *Terminiello v. Chicago* (1949), *Brandenburg v. Ohio* (1969), *R.A.V. v. City of St. Paul* (1992), *Snyder v. Phelps* (2011) are all cases representing the need to protect hateful and unpopular speech. All upheld by the Supreme Court.

In the end, a ban on Yik Yak would be a ban on my and your first amendment rights. A ban that SCOTUS says is inconceivable.

—*Written by Caleb Dixon, second-year political science student*

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New off-campus housing projects promise to address student concerns

ISSUE

New student housing projects are in the works.

OUR STANCE

More new beds is almost never an unwelcome sight.

As USC's campus slowly expands towards the Congaree River, private companies have been quick to capitalize on the growing need for student living space close to campus.

10 separate student housing projects are currently in the planning stage, many of which are clustered near Blossom and Assembly streets, within walking distance of campus.

The sheer number of these projects — and their close proximity to each other — reflects a general confidence that the growing number of USC students (particularly upperclassmen) will be drawn to close-to-campus housing.

There are a number of potential benefits for students here. Living within walking distance means forgoing parking fees and makes having a car an option rather than a necessity.

Also, it would limit the number of upperclassmen dependent on commuting to campus. In the past, increased traffic during USC football games, the state fair and stopped trains have prevented off-campus commuters from getting to class.

The biggest and most obvious advantage of the new buildings is sheer

number of beds it would add. Having more options as to where to live should significantly cut down general “where am I going to live next year” anxiety that many students go through.

Finally, these new housing developments would help to create an on-campus environment of both upper and underclassmen. It would help cut down on the idea that moving off-campus means becoming more and more disconnected from the opportunities college life has to offer.

All in all, the student-housing situation seems to be looking up. And, with first-year class sizes on the rise, we're going to need all the space we can get.

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Focus on making money today and tomorrow. Cash flow improves nicely. Enjoy this lucrative phase. Take advantage and keep accounting current. Record where the money's coming from and where it's going. You can beautify without breaking the bank.

Taurus

No more procrastination. Tackle a personal challenge. You're stronger for the next two days, with the Moon in your sign. Things go easier, and you're especially suave and debonair. Prepare to launch a passion project.

Gemini

You're especially sensitive and intuitive today and tomorrow. Get quiet and listen to the unspoken clues. Contemplate your next move. Something's coming due. Worry wastes time. Review priorities, and plan the steps to take.

Cancer

A friend comes up with a new money-making scheme. Shipping or mechanical delays could disrupt the plan. Support their game and they'll be there for you. Encourage and propose solutions. Provide food at an opportune moment.

Leo

Crazy dreams seem possible. Take on more responsibility over the next few days. Forge ahead with a career upgrade. Assume leadership. Talk over the possibilities with your partner and friends. They can see your blind spots. Listen.

Virgo

Craft your itinerary over the next two days. Make plans and reservations. Research the best prices and locations. Expand your territory and your mind. New opportunities for adventure present themselves. Explore new flavors and exotic ways of thinking.

Libra

Attend to shared finances over the next two days. Manage accounts and file documents. Prepare to negotiate carefully. Keep insurance, fees, bills and policies current. You can get the terms you want. Ask for specifics. Wheel and deal.

Scorpio

Negotiate for the long run. Let a strong leader take charge. Listen graciously. Your partner really shows up over the next two days. Your admiration grows. Share you appreciation. Give in to romance and caring. Love fills you up.

Sagittarius

It's getting busy. Add elegance to the proceedings by dressing professionally. The pace quickens. Put your back into your efforts. Follow the rules. Provide value. Over the next two days, work to get your ideas into action.

Capricorn

Play the game you've been practicing. Apply your creativity to artistic pursuits. Make decisions about color and design. Spend time with family, and relax with hobbies, sports and amusements. Focus on doing what you love with dear ones.

Aquarius

Stay close to home for a couple of days. Get into interior decoration and style. Plan a project, and put together a budget before you shop. Household matters need attention. A little color goes a long way.

Pisces

You're extra brilliant for the next two days. Dig deeper into a favorite subject. You feel like you're emerging from a cocoon. Talk about a transformation you're experiencing. Share it with someone who could benefit. Teach what you're learning.



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The tournament featured a stacked field consisting of No. 13 Florida, No. 31 Stanford, No. 32 Ole Miss and the No. 27 ranked Gamecocks.

The Gamecocks kept the ball rolling against Stanford as they won 4-1. The Gamecocks got behind in doubles, losing from the No. 1 spot for the first time this year.

However, sophomore Andrew Schafer and senior Andrew Adams won 6-3, and the No. 46 ranked team of freshman Harrison O’Keefe and freshman Thomas Mayronne came back to win from the second slot, 7-5.

No. 71 senior Thiago

Pinheiro struggled to break serve against the No. 25 national player from the 1 spot, losing in straight sets.

However, Adams, No. 83 Schafer, and O’Keefe won in straight sets from their usual spots, respectively.

Following a comeback victory over the Gators on Saturday, the Ole Miss Rebels came into the championship match on Sunday hot.

The Gamecocks roared out to the lead following another doubles win and looked to be well on their way to victory. Four of six Gamecocks won their first set. However, for the second straight day, the Rebels stormed back.

Ultimately, only O’Keefe

won his singles match as the Gamecocks fell, 4-2.

Head coach Josh Goffi wasn’t disappointed though with the efforts and playing ability.

“I couldn’t be more proud of my team this weekend,” Goffi said. “We brought it the way we wanted to, which put us in a position to win the match. Unfortunately, we stumbled a little at that point, but it’s early in the year, and there will be many more battles like this one where the finish line is only steps away. We’ll make adjustments.”

The Gamecocks will face No. 22 Clemson at home on Saturday at 3 pm.



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Andrew Schafer was defeated in both doubles (5-4) and singles (5-7, 7-6, 4-3 suspended) on Sunday.

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season, adding 16.

Wilson believes that things are starting to go her way as the season has progressed.

“It’s all coming together now,” Wilson said. “It’s a great time to start coming together.”

Ultimately, South Carolina made its mark close to the basket as the Gamecocks scored 44 points in the paint.

The tandem of senior power forward Aleighsa Welch and sophomore center Alaina Coates gave the Aggies’ interior defense fits, as the pair combined for 24 points while adding 18 rebounds.

Still, Texas A&M remained resilient, and quickly cut South Carolina’s halftime advantage down to two points less than four minutes into the second half after junior point guard Jordan Jones knocked down a three-pointer.

Jones scored 14 points while senior power forward Achiri Ade scored a team-high 15.

However, the Gamecocks responded with a 20-6 run of their own over the next eight minutes.

Mitchell attributed South Carolina’s ability to put teams away to the Gamecocks’ willingness to



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Women’s basketball keeps their No. 1 title in the nation and their perfect record of 19-0 in their recent victory against Texas A&M.

stick to a game plan. “Everybody knows the game plan and we just try to stick to it,” Mitchell said. “Nobody tries to do

too much and everybody knows their role.”

As the game went on, Texas A&M became overwhelmed by the Gamecocks’ depth. Staley was able to play 12 different players and South Carolina’s bench outscored the Aggie reserves 41-8.

Staley knows how big of a role the Gamecocks’ depth plays in her team’s success.

“One of the keys that we always put to win a game is bench production,” Staley said. “I don’t think anyone else in the country has what we have coming off the bench.”

Texas A&M head coach Gary Blair was frustrated for most of the game with his team’s play, and he commended the fan environment inside of Colonial Life Arena. Over 13,000 spectators watched South Carolina earn its seventh SEC win of the year.

“Your crowd is better than Tennessee’s,” Blair said. “They get after it. Your students are sitting close, your promotions are good. I like everything you’re doing here.”

South Carolina will have little time to enjoy the win. The Gamecocks host Alabama Thursday night. Staley’s team defeated the Crimson Tide 102-59 in Tuscaloosa on January 8.



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Women’s basketball holds on to their undefeated record this season against Texas A&M Aggies at home Monday night.

Gamecock tennis delivers varied outcomes



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No. 29 Gamecock men’s tennis suffers 4-2 defeat in championship game against No. 32 Ole Miss in Sunday’s match on the last day of the ITA Kickoff weekend.

Will Helms
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Both men’s and women’s tennis competed over the weekend, but acquired separate results.

South Carolina women’s tennis impressed as they opened the season by winning four straight matches in Albuquerque.

The No. 23 women’s team went 4-0 to open their season this weekend, defeating Grand Canyon, Northern Arizona, Kansas and New Mexico in impressive fashion.

The women only conceded four points all

weekend behind strong showings from No. 120 senior Elixane Lechemia and sophomore Brigit Folland, respectively.

No. 99 senior Meghan Blevins left after the second set Saturday against Kansas, but her absence did not seem to slow the team’s momentum Sunday.

Lechemia had a strong end to her impressive weekend by easily disposing of the No. 75 player in the country in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2. She started in the top singles spot all weekend and did not disappoint.

The women have the week to prepare before

a brutal weekend. The team will travel to Charlottesville for a match Friday evening against No. 5 Virginia, then head back down to Clemson for a Sunday afternoon match against the No. 14 ranked Tigers.

On the other hand, the men’s team looked strong Saturday, but came up just short in the championship match Sunday.

The Gamecock men’s tennis team was riding a 2-0 start to their season when they got to Gainesville for ITA Kickoff Weekend.

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